A TRUE RELATION, OF THE LIFE & DEATH OF

Sarah Beckwith, Daughter of *Marmaduke* and *Elizabeth Beckwith*, of *Audbrough* near *Masham* in *York-shire*; Who in about the Twentieth Year of her Age departed this Life, the 24*th.* day of the 9*th.* Month, 1691.

Witnessing the fulfilling of God's ancient promise, that in the latter Days he would power forth his Spirit upon his Servants and Hand-maids.

And out of the Mouth of Babes and Sucklings he would shew forth his praise.

Blessed are the Dead that dyes in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours, and their works follow them, Rev. 14. 13.

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The *Relation of* HANNAH BECKWITH,

Touching the exerciſe of her dear Sister before and in the time of her ſickneſs, with the words delivered by her a little before her Death, as fully as could be well remembred. With a Testimony concerning her.

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I Being very often with my ever-dear and wellbeloved Sister, in the time of her ſickneſs, and being truly ſenſiable of the worderfull dealings of the Lord with her, and of his unſpeakable Love to her, in her great exerciſe to her great comfort; I called to mind, yea, it came freſh into my remembrance, what a tender frame of ſpirit ſhe had been off, even from her Child-hood, which I ſaw the Lord had not forgot, but had that regard unto it, as to reward the ſame into her boſom manyfold, and I cannot forbear in the firſt place, in ſhort, to make mention thereof, in order to what I have to ſay concerning her exerciſe in the time of her ſickneſs, before the Tabernacle was laid down.

She was endued with an underſtanding from her child-hood, and in the years of her Youth beyond the moſt of her equals of her age: Sober and Grave in her deportment not adicted to light and needleſs words nor ſuch communication as corrupts good manners, but moſtly appeared amongſt us her Siſters, and the reſt of the Family, as one who had ſet a watch

before her Spirit, that she might not offend the Lord, nor be of evill example amongst Us; she was pittifull, and therein courtious and kind to all that stood in need, she was tenderly obedient to her Parents, and affectionate kind to her Sisters, and in the latter years of her Age she was given much to a retiredness, and though carefull in the things of this World; yet as one that used the world as not using it: And as one sincerely devoted to serve the Lord, and the Kingdom which hath no end, and the righteousness thereof: Not doubting but (as the Lord saw meet) other things would be added, she was observed often in the evening when her work was much over, to walk into the Fields, and at her return often appeared to have had a tender exercise upon her spirit in brokenness, and when her sickness and weakness of body begun to grow upon her, and her exercise before the Lord as to another world, did inlarge in her, she got little rest or sleep, for many nights together, yet her understanding was kept cleer, and her memory sound, which she often said was a great mercy to her, and praised God for it.

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Lord to ſpare her, ſaying, Lord add one other day to me that I may ſeek thee, and that I may feel thee, and O Lord, give me full aſſurance of my ſalvation before I depart hence: Many times ſaying, O Lord, let not my diſtempour overcome my ſence till I come to a full Injoyment of thee, and O Lord, I pray thee let not my deſires ceaſe, till thou anſwer the deſires of my heart, and let nothing quench my thirſt but thy love: And ſo ſhe continued in ſupplication to the Lord for a conſiderable time: And the Lord was pleaſed to anſwer her deſires to the gladding of her heart, and cauſeing her Cup to overflow: So that living praiſes, and Heavenly melodious ſounds run through her to the God of her ſalvation; and ſo ſhe continued in a ſweet and heavenly frame, many times ſaying, O that I had breath to praiſe the Lord, O that I had breath to praiſe his Name; and at many times ſhe gave good and tender advice to Us, her Siſters deſireing us to love and fear the Lord above all, and to keep in the *Truth*; ſaying, O preſs after it, to feel the working of it in your own hearts; And when you are in it keep in it, and under the government of it, and heed not to deck your ſelves, but be meek and low, ſaying, None ought to pride themſelves in any Induements, neither in Beauty nor in any other thing, becauſe it was not theirs but the Lords, who gave it them, and can take

it away when he pleaſeth, ſaying, what is all now to me; tenderly adviſing us not to let any thing in this World ſteal away our mindes: She alſo ſpake of the ſtate of many, and ſaid, there are many that were grown careleſs, and was gotten into liberty, and ſuch were ill examples to thoſe that were coming up; and ſaid there are many that comes to Meetings, and profeſſes the Truth, that knows but little what Truth is; and ſaid alſo, it did not conſiſt only in comeing to Meetings, and wearing plain apparell and the like, unleſs they came to feel the workings of truth in their own hearts, for ſaid ſhe, all ſuch outward appearances will ſtand in no ſtead, without the love of God be inwardly felt, and enjoyed; for ſaid ſhe, it is an eaſie thing to come to Meetings, and ſome are ready to think that doing ſo, and behaveing themſelves ſoberly before this or the other perſon is ſufficient: But ſaid ſhe, the Lord ſees at all times, and he will have no ſuch mockery; but ſaid ſhe, I bleſs God, I have not been guilty of ſeeming what I was not: But O how did her love run forth to thoſe who were faithfull, ſaying they were near and dear to her, and much deſired the company of ſuch as feared the Lord, and loved the Truth, and walked therein: She wonderfully praiſed the love and mercies of the Lord to her; ſaying, it is not for my deſerts, for I had nothing to ingage the Lord with, but

it is his free love to me: She often desired the Lord to give her a little ease, that she might have a more full enjoyment of him, and indeed she was so much born up over her weakness, that at many times she felt little or no pain that we could discerne, but with a mild and chearful countinance, would say, I am well every way but for want of breath; and the Lord can raise me up if he see it good for me, and if not, I am content, I do believe which way so ever it be, it will be for my good. And she speaking of the way of truth, said it was a straight and narrow way, and not to be kept in, without a daily watch, (and said it is this days bread and not that which was fed of yesterday that will satisfie) for there are many by paths, but as *Job* saith; said she. *There is a path which no fool knoweth, which the Dolterous eye hath not seen, the Lyons whelp hath not troden it, nor the fierce Lyon passed by it.* But said she, although a strait way, yet it is a pleasant path, and delightsome: Oh said she here is peace in abundance, it is so sweet I could delight always to enjoy it, and to live therein, the Gold of *Opher* is not worthy to be compared to it; And thus continued she in a sweet frame of Spirit, her mind being wholy taken up with heavenly thoughts, saying Lord give me fully to drink of the well of water, that is within the Gate, for thou hast ravish'd my heart, and I am overcome with thy love. Oh

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I long, I long; O Lord open thou the windows of heaven, and power in of thy bleſſings into my ſoul, untill there be not room enough to receive, that I may bleſs and praiſe thy name and that I may ever ſwim in the Ocion and ſtreams of thy love and living praiſe to the Lord, with mellodious ſounds aboundantly ſprung from her, She did alſo often adviſe thoſe that were with her to keep out of paſſion, ſaying, Oh have a care of paſſion, it hinders the proſperity of the work of God, and there is no extream in the Truth, ah it is of a meek and an heavenly quality; That afternoon before ſhe dyed ſhe deſired the Lord to ſpare her another half day if it was his will, that ſhe might enjoy him, and that ſhe might praiſe him, and ſaid I have known Chriſt to be my leader, and my teacher ſhall be no more removed into a corner, for mine eyes have ſeen my teacher, and mine eares hath heard a voice ſaying, this is the way walk in it: ſhe after deſired the Lord to give her an eaſie paſſage, and that night ſhe deſired that none but Friends might ſit up with her, her love being abundantly large to them. And ſome of us going to bed, haveing wanted our reſt ſhe tenderly took her leave of us, and ſaid if ſhe were worſe, ſome ſhould call, and takeing me by the hand ſaid, dear Siſter thou haſt been near and dear to me and carefull of me the Lord requite thee; and be near to thee when thou comes to

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lye on thy dying bed, and so near the Morning her distemper growing upon her she said I am as sensiable as any of you and I am well content to dye saying I have no doubt of my Salvation forever, I am going to dear *Robert Lodge*, with many more sweet expressions, which could not well be remembred, nor perfectly heard, her voice being very low, she was very sensiable to the last so far as we could observe and spoke to within a very little time wherein she drew her last breath, saying Lord take me away, Lord take me away, and presently after she quietly and comfortably passed away, out of this world, to live for ever in the World which hath no end.

She was a dear Sister to me a faithfull comfortable companion, and help in the Lord and hard it was to me freely to part with her, if it had been the Lords will that we might a little longer have enjoy'd each other in the body, to have been each others help, and cause of joy, but being so fully satisfied that the love and blessings of the Lord was upon her I was more willing to give her up to him who gives and takes away and can do no less but bless and praise his holy name and return all glory and honour to him, who is everlastingly worthy, blessed for ever and for evermore.

And it is the fervent desire of my heart that we who are left behind may so live to God and walk

walk in the ever bleſſed Truth which ſhe teſtified to, to her latter end, that we may be made partakers of that reſt peace and joy. Which undoubtedly ſhe is already entered into.

Written the 11. of the 10th. Month, 1691.

Hannah Beckwith.

A Few words in Teſtimony concerning the Life and Death of Sarah Beckwith, *Daughter of* Marmaduke *and* Elizabeth Beckwith, *&c. Who Departed this Life the* 24th. 9th. *Month*, 1691.

SHe was of my familiar acquaintance from a Child for I lived divers years during her Child-hood in her fathers houſe, ſhe was born of beliveing parents, and under their eye and care educated in the way and profeſſion of truth, which God Almighty in bleſſing doth regard: and I am well ſatisfied that in her own ſoul ſhe was a real lover of truth from a Child, for ſhe was diligent in comeing to Meetings, and when there very retir'd in her mind, not making a ſhew above what ſhe realy was, but even as *Mary* did hid up things in her heart, on the Eight day of the above ſaid Month ſhe was viſited with the Sickneſs, ſhe dyed of: in the time whereof ſhe ſeverall times ſent for me, and the firſt time I went, ſhe ſaid to me, *Grace* I am glad to ſee thee, thou haſt been often near to me in remem-

remembrance and love, & being in a ſweet and tender frame of ſpirit, began to devulge her ſecrets to me, ſignifying that for about three quarters of a year laſt, ſhe had ſought the Lord with her heart, both night and day, and perticularized divers times and places, wherein the Lord had very comfortably broken in upon her, and filled her heart with his love, that deeply ingaged her to praiſe his Name; and I being ſent for the night before ſhe dyed, ſhe ſaid, Lord give me breath to praiſe thy Name withall: And ſeverall Friends being about her, ſhe ſaid, Lord comfort us together this Night, and bleſſed be his Name, he graciouſly anſwered the deſires of her ſoul, and made us partakers of his unſpeakable kindneſs together, to the overcoming of us, the remembrance of which viſitation, hath been often refreſhing to me, even as marrow to my bones: For the Lord broke in upon her and a ſtream from the living fountain, Iſſued forth unto her, and comfortably we were made partakers with her of the water of Life, and the liveing food which nouriſheth the ſoul up in God to eternal life: And many were the wholſome expreſſions of advice which ſhe gave to us all; And then turned her a ſide to me, and ſaid you give me no councel, whereunto I anſwered, dear *Sarah*, thou wants not a Counceller, we are willing to hear and receive councel from thee, She anſwered and ſaid it is written your eyes

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And the 29th. of the same Month, as I was sitting in our own house at my employment an unspeakable weight fell upon my spirit, and remained with me a considerable time which occasioned a cry to run through me: Lord what is the matter, and immediatly these words run through my life, Although *Sarah Beckwith* be dead, yet her Memoriall shall live, and be serviceable to this generation, and to generations that are yet to come. And so to the God of all our mercies who filled the soule of this Innocent, tender stripling, *Abrahams* Daughter, with his heavenly appearances, and devine blessings be everlasting praise and glory for ever.

Grace Bins,

CONcerning my dear Companion *Sarah Beckwith*, this testimony I have to bear, I having had the knowledge of her for many years and being much with her in the time of her sickness, and also present when she departed this life and being an eye and eare witness of the love and great goodness of the Lord livingly testified of to us from her own mouth upon her dying bed according to the dispensation of the grace of god given me I am bold to say, that she dyed not as fool dyeth, that fear not the Lord, for her heart was set to serve and fear him, and

it was her earneſt deſire, and advice to thoſe that were Young in years to priſe their time and to ſeek the way of the Lord, for ſhe gave teſtimony of it, to be a pleaſant way; And ſaid ſhe was come to witneſs it ſo to be, and my deſire is that we that are yet in this Tabernacle, may from a grounded experience, be brought to teſtify the ſame, and this is my beleiſe concerning her that ſhe is entered into everlaſting reſt: Oh the heavenly expreſſions Which came from her in the time of her ſickneſs, and the weakneſs ſhe was under, which I hope never will be forgotten by us, but remaine within us, in our remembrance; She begged of the Lord that he would add to her time in this World, untill ſhe had a full aſſurance of her ſalvation, which he did graciouſly anſwer, for ſhe ſignified to us that ſhe did not doubt of it, and ſhe deſired the Lord with much fervency of Spirit that he would give her breath to priſe his Name; And the Lord heard, and anſwered from his Holy place, for he did not only give her breath, but a Mouth alſo to praiſe him, Oh! the Heavenly power that ſhe was filled with and carried on in that devine and ſweet refreſhing frame of ſpirit, that it was of unſpeakable comfort and refreſhment to the ſtanders by, and great ſatisfaction to thoſe ſhe was outwardly related to and near, and dear unto them every way, ſhe was from a Child Zealouſly affected with the truth and the ſociety of Godsfaithfull people, and

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her heart was Inclined after the best things, and she with *Mary* Chose the better part which shall never be taken from her and the Lord filled her with his power, and opened her mouth in Wisdome to speak of the Mistrys of the knowledge of the devine and best things, to the tendering of our hearts and to our refreshment, the being my Intimate companion haveing had much society with her I have known her often bowed down with many more for the loss of dear *Robert Lodge*, being a near Neighbour to her and often in Company with him I have seen her broken into tears in Remembrance of him. And when she lay upon her dying bed she much delired the Company of friends, but more especially those, that were come to witness in a larger measure, the dealings of the Lord with them, both in judgment and mercy, it was great satisfaction and comfort to her to have those with her, she breathed to the Lord for our sakes that were young in years, that we might be preserved, in the righteous path of holyness: I was truely glad that it was my lot to be with her and I do prise it as a mercy to me Which I desire while I live I may not forget but answer the kindness of God to me therein, as that which may do me good. I am fully satisfied, that she hath laid down her head in peace with God, and is gone to her desired Haven of rest for ever, where there is joy that hath no end. And my hearts desire is that we that are young in years, may prise our time

time in this World and may be preserved from the evill thereof. That we may fear the Lord while we live, and so run our race, that at the cloiure of our days, we may lay down our heads in peace, when time in this world unto us shall be no more.

Katherine Savill.

I Hearing that my dearly beloved Freind *Sarah Beckwith*, My familiar and of great acquaintance we being both of one and the same Meeting, became greatly exercised with sickness, It was much upon me to go visit to her, though one of the least of the flock of God I looked on my self to be: yet I haveing certain knowledge and sence upon my spirit; that Innocent Lamb (though as but a Child in years) had an unspeakable love to the truth, and breathings in her soul for the prosperity of it I could not be satisfied till I gave up my self to go In the love of God which I felt abounding in me towards her; And when I came near the place I can truely say, that the free and opened springs of life, did abundantly flow forth upon me, and when I came into the room where she was, I found her very Weake as to the outward. yet strong In the Lord as to the Inner man and in an heavenly frame of spirit to my great refreshment, I saw it was the great

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desire of her heart to have friends to Truth in company with her, and in the time of my being there she was so raised up by the power of the Lord to bear testimony to the truth, in the authority and life thereof that we that were with her did believe that sometimes she felt no sickness or pain upon her, and as (I with other Friends,) was standing by her at the bed side: the power of the Lord Sprung up in her and she opened her mouth and said, O prise the truth, O prise the truth, long for it, O long for it, and when you have received it, hold it fast let it not go. And the desired friends, especially those that were young to prise their time, and to keep in their minds to God, and value truth above all, and the eternall divine power that did accompany her when she delivered those words did so tender and break my heart, that I went out of the room a little to ease my spirit, and when I came in again I found her in the same frame of spirit mentioning our dear deceased Friend *Robert Lodge*, and in the like heavenly exercise she continued in a sound understanding, so farr as we could apprehend even unto the very last moment of her time in this world: and I am fully satisfied, that to himself God almighty hath taken her soul, to live and abide with him world without end: and I fully believe that through Gods help, that Remembrance of her and the sweet expressions delivered by her, in the power of the Lord will remain

main with me, for my advantage in the Lord, while I have a day to live that glory may be given to the great God, who is worthy for ever and for evermore.

Alice Edge.

Katherine Winns, *Testimony concerning* Sarah Beckwith, *With a few words of advice to young Friends.*

THe dealings of the Lord, are Worthy to be kept in remembrance, and his tender mercies, and loving kindness to his servants and hand-maids, in this our day and age to be left upon record, to future ages: In which I am concerned according to my measure, In this my testimony, touching a young Maid *Sarah Beckwith*, I being an eye and eare witness, with severall others of the exercises she was under and of the testimony she bore, through the marvellous and and heavenly power of the Lord upon her dying bed, oh the sweet, expressions that came from her, and the heavenly acknowledgements of the great love of God unto her, which was great comfort and sweet refreshment to those that were about her liveing praises to our God for ever, who is thus pleased to condescend to the weak capacitys of his handmaids and graciously to appear our

of the mouths of babes and ſucklings to perfect his praiſe. I cannot well go by the giveing a little hint of her behaviour from her Child-hood, ſo far as it comes within the compaſs of my knowledge for I knew her well ſhe having been tabled with me, ſhe was a Child of a round and ſolid witt, yet very quick, active and nimble about the year 1680. ſhe being near Eleaven years of age, I was taken priſoner for the truth and ſhe removed to her fathers houſe but ſhortly after ſhe deſired to ſee me, and to ſtay ſome time with me, though ſhe thought I had been keept in a dark hole without light, yet that did not diſcourage her & accordingly ſhe came to me of, which I was exceeding glad, and truely comforted for there was no woman in the *Goal*, but me and ſhe became as my fellow priſoner, and companion, I took great notice and could not but admire that our cloſe confinement did not trouble her and often ſince have had it in my mind conſidering her activity, that ſhe ſhould ſo willingly leave her companions yea her fathers houſe (where ſatisfaction as to the outward every way might have been fully offered and given her) and to take her ſelf to ſuch a ſolitary way of liveing with me in that *Goal*, which ſhe did with chearfulneſs during the time of her fathers pleaſure and hath often ſaid ſince that ſhe thought ſhe could willingly have lived with us all her days, and after it pleaſed the Lord to viſit her with very great weakneſs, through all wich he wonderfully

erfully preſerved her memory, though her affliction was great, and in his own good time wounderfully raiſed her up again, contrary to the expectation of moſt, and as ſhe grew in ſtrength, ſhe grew in the inward knowledge of the dealings of the Lord, with her, as to her inner man and in inward feeling of his tender mercys to her & loveing kindneſs which conſtrained her ſometimes in ſecret and alone to ſound forth liveing praiſes to him, when ſhe thought no eye ſaw her nor eare heard her but the Lords: ſhe was very deligent in comeing to meetings and very watchful was ſhe in the time thereof, I knew not that ever I ſaw a drooſy or a careleſſe mind appear in her and if at any time in any thing, ſhe had exceeded the ſolide truth, it was her Heavenly Fathers pleaſure to follow her with gentle chaſtiſe ment, in token of his love to her, for it is certain that whom he loves he chaſtens, and this brought a true fear upon her and ſorrow appeared in her, for offending the Lord, though ſhe thought, that none had perceived it, yet it was clearly obſerved by her Mother and in bowedneſs of ſpirit ſhe continued, before the Lord, till is was his pleaſure to remitt, and bring her into favour with him again, where was the centure of her ſoul and the ſafe dwelling place. And in the year 1691. being near 21. years old ſhe was again viſited with a diſtemper of ſickneſs very like to remove her out of this world & as it grew upon her, her Zeal for the Lord encreaſed, manifeſted largely by the

many sweet & heavenly expressions that proceeded from her, some of which put upon Record by her dear Sister. I heard she desired to see me, and I went to visit her, and stayed with her Four days, she being unwilling that I should leave her whilest she lived here, in which time she opened her minde to me, and gave me account of the Lords dealings with her, and of his tender Mercyes to her, of which I was right glad, and comforted therewith; Her love was wonderfully drawn forth to Friends, often makeing mention of dear *Robert Lodge*, and others, who are in the body whom she greatly desired to see, and many weighty truths proceeded from her, and an Heavenly concerne was upon her, for the good of all friends in generall bemoaning the states of those who had receivedthe truth in the begining in the fresh love of it, and were grown careless having lost their first love, and taken liberty to act things contrary to truth, and those are evill examples, (said she) to those that are young. And others there are who have a more outward appearance, and reckons themselves esteemed of yet if they live not in the truth and in the injoyment of the love of God, it makes no matter the esteem of others will stand them in no stead. And she said there was mans righteousness, and the righteousness of God, but mans righteousness must be rent off; and man covered with the righteousness of Christ Jesus, who saith I, wis-

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dom leads in the way of righteousness, and in the midst of the path of Judgment, teaching those that loves me to inherit the substance, and she desired that none might in the sight of good things sit down, short of the possession thereof, she greatly desired that ancient Friends might remember the visitation of the love of God unto their soules, in the dayes of their Youth, and answer the end of their visitation, and take heed that they feel his love to them as in the begining; And said she, some comes amongst Friends and profess Truth, yet walke not answereable there unto, but mindes the decking of themselves outwardly, more then the innocency of Truth inwardly, and this will not serve them, or do them any good, and others may get plain apparrel, and come to Meetings, and appear what they are not, the Lord (said she) remove such Mockerys: She often desired Friends to love the truth, and to take heed, of loving any thing above the truth, and she often desired Friends to take heed of passion, for that hinders the work of the Lord, and to take heed of contention and and strife, envy, and wrath, for said she, that never works the righteousness of God, but agravates and stirs up a wrong mind; But in a meek quiet and gentle spirit speake one unto another: and so you will overcome evill, even with the good: Much good councel and wholesome advice was given byher, but little is remembred

in compariſon, conſidering how much did proceed from her, and ſaid ſhe; Oh they are happy that feareth the Lord, and obeyeth him, and lives in his truth, and ſhe often expreſſed the preciouſneſs of the love of God; And often ſaid, how ſweet it is, there is no thing to be compared with it, nor had in eſteem in compariſon of it; I could delight always to feel, and to live in the Enjoyment of it: And when ſhe ſpake of Heavenly things, it was with great reverance and comely deportement: For though ſhe was a Maid of a notable Beauty, and comely countenance, yet much did ſhe differ and far exceed when the Lord did open in her, and brake forth through her, yea, ſhe was lovely indeed, and appeared as a Bride arrayed in royal Robes ready to meet her Huſband and Bridegroom of her ſoul; And the night before her departure She called to her dear Siſters and tenderly ſaluted them, and gave ſweet counſell and wholeſome advice to them, and took her leave of them, worthy to be well obſerved and followed by them, and all her Fathers family, and even by all that heard her, or may hear thereof, and of her happy and comfortable end, and peaceable departure out of the World; Even all both Young and Old, eſpecially Young people, for whom ſhe was greatly concerned; often pitying them, ſaying they were lyable to many temptations, often deſireing their preſervation

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in the Truth often repeating theſe words in the truth and not above it, but under its government, ordered by it, and on this wiſe was ſhe exerciſed in the power of the eternal God wherein ſhe ſweetly finiſhed, her courſe and undoubtedly is at reſt with the Lord where her joy is full, and will continue to her world without end.

And it is upon me in the Name of the Lord, to adviſe all where theſe teſtimonys and records may come, that are young in years to take heed, that you ſleight not the day of your viſitation nor ſquander away, your precious time in vain pleaſure and delights of this world, not knowing how ſhort your time may be in it, and how ſoon the thread of your life may be cut: Oh that you would be prevailed with, and ſtirred up in your mindes, and encouraged *to ſeek the Lord whilſt he may be found, and call upon him whilſt he is near*, and take that good advice left upon record, *to Remember your Creator in the daves of your youth*, and bear Chriſts, Yoke in your tender years, and the Chaſtiſments of the Lord, and his righteouſs Judgments love: which allways are mixed with mercy, and *Sion*, is redeemed through judgment and her converts through righteouſneſs, and flye not the Croſs of Chriſt Jeſus, but take it up daily, and let it crucifie all your vaine deſires and youthfull luſts of the fleſh; and let no uncomely or untruth like attire come upon

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our sin, for it is said; *Though Israell be many as the Sands on the Sea shore, yet it is but a remnant thereof that shall be saved, and though many were called, yet are they but few that are chosen:* And you are sure to dye, and you know not whether sooner or later; and it is also upon Record, *As the Tree falleth so it lyeth; As Death leaves Judgment findes, and no unclean thing can enter the Kingdom; and if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinners appear:* And therefore, dear hearts endeavour, and that right early, *to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, strive to make your Calling and Election sure; that when your Earthly Tabernacle is dissolved, you may have a building with God, an house not made with hands eternall in the heavens,* & keep on your spiritual progress in the straight way of selfe denyall; I well remember, that in my young years before I came amongst Friends, I was one that was not addicted to many evils, as some were but in a Zeal for righteousnes beyond many of my equals I read much and thereby gained a great knowledge of the Scripture, litterally, and therefore thought my self more secure, and safer then others and was puffed up therewith & gloryed, therein but when it pleased the almighty, to open the eye of my understanding, I saw it was nothing but *Egypts* glory, and my own righteousnes which was but as filthy raggs, and menstrous cloathes, and my knowledge to

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Daughter; chusing rather to suffer afflictio
with the People of God, then to enjoy the pl
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to me as dross and dung in comparison of
excellency of the glory that was opened in
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of *Egypt*. and sett my face *Sion* ward and
velling thither Oh the many weary step
trode, and the many solitary teares I shed,
the many sighs and groans I uttered, for want
full assurance of my salvation, Oh the ma
bufferting of the enemy my soul met with, &
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snares that were laid for me, and the ma
temptations that did attend me many way
made me sometimes in sorrow say, shall
not surely one day fall by the hand of
enemy, for Satan desired to have me,
to winnow me as wheat, but the voice of
Saviour said in me, I have prayed for thee th
thy faith faile not, and the Lord give me
little comfort, yea a little hope; though it w
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And the Lord helped me with a little help in
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And therefore Dear hearts reſign freely into
hands of the liveing God, and bear his in-
nation, becauſe you have ſinned againſt him
ſay with that good man of old, *though thou*
me yet will I truſt in thee, and deſpiſe not the
chaſeing of the Lord: And faint not when you
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and him whom my soul loved; And as I asked in his Name, I received his imbraces, and the soliceing streames of his love and as I knocked in the pure faith, it was opened to me, to know in measure the misteries of his heavenly kingdom, and to partake of Spiritual pleasure, and Heavenly felicity, beyond what ever I thought upon or could have expected, and of the earthly things I had no want, and though he pleased the Lord, in the morning of the day, and in the young and tender years, of a remnant, for a little season, to give us the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, and exercise us in the strait and narrow way wherein he leads us; even through many tryals and great tribulations, yet did he in his due time give us the songs of deliverance, and put high praises in our mouthes, and we could often say in secret, his wayes was wayes of pleasantness, and his paths, paths of peace, yea he gave us mirth for mourning, beauty for ashes, and the Oyle of joy and gladness, for the spirit of heaviness: but I would not be tedious nor too long vary from my testimony touching this young woman of whom I was speaking, for I can truely say she was dear to me all along, and in her exercise I Sympothysed with her, and also in her care and travell for the sake of others, she saw the narrowness of truths way and often said, it was a strait and narrow way and that too few

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walked therein, but said she, there are many paths that leads to distruction and too many treads therein, she desired us that were to remain in the body after she was gone to her rest to advise Friends to keep to the innocent truth to grow up therein. And I not knowing how soon I may be dissolved, I have a little inlarged beyond what I at the first did think upon, and have as my duty to God, made some little mention of my own travells and something of what by true experience, I have learned both of the difficulties and pleasures in truth's way if happly it might be an Incouragment to the honest hearted and a caution to the outminded: Much I could write which is before me at this time but I shall forbear to add much more at this time and rest your Friend, with my love to you all my dear Friends where this may come with fervent desires for you that you may all have an eye to the right door where enterance into life is and keep in the foot-steps of the flocks companions, to the Word of whose grace I doe recommend you, that in your hearts to which you will do well if you take heed, for if obeyed it will teach you, and lead you into all truth and will be unto you as a cloud by day, and as a pillar of fire by night, and if you move in the motion of it, it will be your safe conduct, through your pilgrimage and the time of your sojorning here, and will rightly order your

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steps, in the truth and gird you up in your graduall groath therein, from strength to strength and from one degree of grace unto another, as dear Children of your heavenly father, delighting in all things that may honour him, and serveing him in true fear, you will die in his favour, as this Innocent damsell did, who was a faithfull witness for truth in her day, and for righteousness and bore a liveing testimony for the Lord on her dying bed. And it is the earnest desire of my heart, that the Lord, may preserve me and all that truely loves and fear him, both young and old to the end of our days, in a sensible feeling of the continuance of his love and life unto us, and in a true Injoyment of his living presence amongst us, and that in his true love we may be dayly concern'd for the prosperity of his truth, and the good of our own souls as this Innocent Lamb and handmaid of the Lord our welbeloved was, for whom we cannot sorrow as those without hope, being well satisfied of her salvation, and do believe she is now entered into everlasting rest: And peace where no temptation can reach her nor disturbance

of the enemy can disquiet her, but in the presence of her beloved to sing praises for ever: for very often was it her desire (and she often said) Oh that I had breath to praise the Lord, and he is praise worthy saith my soul, O that his own words may praise, him in Young and Old to whom all praises doth belong and freely is ascribed now henceforth and for ever.

Katherine Winn.

THe foregoing Relation and the Testimonys born concerning our Daughter *Sarah Beckwith*, to the truth thereof, we can testifie haveing been an eye and eare witness of the exercises she passed through and of the Dealings of the Lord with her in his great mercy and kindness upon her dying bed and how the Lord raised her up, by his Mighty power to declare thereof. To the great refreshment and satisfaction of all about her at that time. The understanding she was endued with, and the Mouth and

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Wisdome God gave her, therewith to testifie for him and his blessed truth was admired of us, and gave us cause often to say, Who would not but fear the Lord, who gives wisdome to the simple, and a good understanding to those that fear his powerfull name, Who casts down the mighty from of their seats and exaltes those that are of a low degree. Blessed be his holy name for evermore, And touching her death we are well satisfied, that she dyed well, in peace with God and is at rest with him. And though our loss be great in parting with her, yet Greater is her gain in the world which hath no end.

And although it is not our desire to have our Child any way set forth; but as it may stand with the praise of God, and that the honour of that Truth she testifyed to, and had her Conversation in: Nor to have our Names made mention off therein, further then to witness to the Testimonies borne concerning her, and that the Lord may be glorifyed thereby. Yet, in the fervent desiers that the good Councell and advice given by her,

both to Young and Old, made mention of herein. May be cordially closed with, we are concerned in this wise in the name of the Lord to advise all, to give all diligence to make their Calling and Election sure. That they may be prepared and ready to meet the Lord when ever he shall call, as undoubtedly this Innocent Lamb was, who had run well in the time of her pilgrimage here, and fought the good fight of faith to the finishing of her course to her joy and to the obtaining the Crown and the Inheritance which hath no end. We could not be wholly silent, but in our Duty to God and in honour to truth she received and lived in, make Mention of and bear Record to Gods wounderfull appearance in his love and tender mercy to his people In this our age and day, witnessed by this his Servant and Handmaide, Who hath so marvellously appeared in her, and shewed himselfe in so Large a measure to her, and given her the knowledge of the riches of the world to come, and in such zeal and fervency of spirit to declare thereof to others. That all may be encouraged to seek the Lord right early,

while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near and not neglect the day of their visitation, Nor spend their precious time about things which are below while the one thing needfull is not made Choice of. But in the Way that God hath cast up for his people, we may all walk in. And in the race set before us we may so run as that we may obtain, and enjoy that heavenly inheritance, which is laid up for all those that love the Lord Jesus Christ, and his heavenly appearance, that God alone may have praise who is everlastingly worthy blessed for ever and for evermore.

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